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For: USE OF DNA ENCODING PLASTID PYRUVATE DEHYDROGENASE AND

BRANCHED CHAIN OXOACID DEHYDROGENASE COMPONENTS TO

ENHANCE POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE BIOSYNTHESIS IN PLANTS

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

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On page 1 at line 4, after "application" insert -fis a divisional application of U.S.

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On page 1, at line 9 after "March 2, 1998, insert - herein incorporated by reference in their entirety--

At page 20, after line 19 and before "Detailed Description of the Invention", please insert lowing:

Figure 8 shows the alignment of the deduced amino acid sequences of PDC E1α from plastid A.t. (SEQ ID NO: 33), P. purpurea (SEQ ID NO: 34), A. taliana (SEQ ID NO: 35), H.

sapiens II (SEQ ID NO: 36), S. cerevisiae (SEQ ID NO: 37), A. suum I (SEQ ID NO: 38), M.